

FINAL RECOMMENDATION

June 21, 2001

Recommendation of the Action Plan Team: CORE Mission

Statement of Issue #: 12-18 The fire safety and related research and development agenda should be a higher priority of the Federal government.

Recommendation #R-56

Summary:

Transmit this issue to the recommissioned America Burning committee.

Recommendation:

This recommendation is no longer applicable due to the completion of the America Burning Committee work and the release of their Report, *"America at Risk, Findings and Recommendations on the Role of the Fire Service in the prevention and control of Risks in America"*, in December 2000. However, the USFA staff did ensure that information was provided to the America Burning Committee, which included the White Paper, the Blue Ribbon Panel Report and the Action Plan .

Background:

The White Paper, Blue Ribbon Panel and Action Plan requested USFA improve the services provided to the fire service community and get back to the basics in accordance with the Public Law of 1974.

1. Priority:

High

2. Step(s) to Achieve:

Steps were taken to ensure the recommissioned America Burning committee received a copy of each report before issuing the "America At Risk", report. This report was released December 2000.

USFA has increased their partnerships with research and development organizations and will continue to pursue partnering with other organizations on the research and development issues to reduce fire and related risks.

3. Estimated Time Frame:

Ongoing

4. Estimated Cost:

Minimal staff time

5. Outcome:

Copies of the above stated reports were furnished to the recommissioned America Burning committee.
FEMA/USFA will take every opportunity when it presents

itself to enlighten the Federal government of the importance of fire safety and related research and development issues.

Conclusion:

Partnering with research and development organizations will help USFA to achieve its 5-year operational objectives to,

- “Reduce the loss of life from fire by 15%.”
 - By reducing by 25% the loss of life of the age group 14 years older and below, and
 - By reducing by 25% the loss of life of the age group 65 years old and above, and
 - By reducing by 25% the loss of life of firefighters.
- 2500 communities will have a comprehensive multi-hazard risk reduction plan led by or including the local fire service,” and
- To appropriately respond in a timely manner to emergent issues.

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